

EVENING DISCUSSION: The Projected Resource Environment for Intelligence

DISCUSSION: It is clear that the resource environment within which the Intelligence Community must operate over the next few years will differ from that which has prevailed in the first half of the decade. A discussion of the projected environment will set the tone for the conference and provide a backdrop for the subsequent sessions on other substantive topics. Among subjects that should be raised in the resource discussion are: the source of investment pressures; the constraints likely to be proposed; and the need for exacting tradeoffs within the baseline levels. (U)

A further subject which should be discussed is the interrelationships which are developing between the DCI and DoD on the budget process. This would result in a better appreciation by the attendees of the manner in which the NFIP/Defense process will be accomplished in the future; it would also sharpen awareness of how decisionmaking will likely occur, and generally raise the level of consciousness with respect to the approach to development of the NFIP. In a similar vein, the question of adoption of a two-year appropriation by the Congress (a Senate Armed Services Committee bill) should be raised to stimulate thinking and reaction. (S)

APPROACH: After DCI introduction, DDCI and D/ICS will lead a two-hour discussion on the first evening. The format will be a discussion framework, with no particular issue to be resolved, but rather a fostering of an appreciation for the anticipated resource environment. (U)

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